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SUBJ: CURFEW REDUCTION AND SUSPENSION FOR CHRISTMAS AND
NEW YEAR

1. THE ARMED FORCES JOINT COMMAND ANNOUNCED DECEMBER 7 THE
SUSPENSION OF NORMAL 1 A.M. TO 5 A.M. CURFEW ON NEW YEAR'S DAY
SO THAT NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION COULD BE HELD. CLUBS,
RESTAURANTS AND OTHER PLANNING SOCIAL FUNCTIONS MUST,
HOWEVER, OBTAIN AUTHORIZATION FROM THE RESPECTIVE ARMED FORCES
COMMANDS. THE CHRISTMAS CURFEW WILL ALSO BE REDUCED TO PERMIT
MIDNIGHT MASS AND OTHER CELEBRATIONS. IT WILL BE IN EFFECT
FROM 3 A.M. TO 5 A.M.

2. COMMENT. INTERIOR MINISTER CISNEROS PUBLICLY STATED THAT
HE WOULD ARGUE FOR RETENTION OF THE CURFEW ON NEW YEAR'S AND
CHRISTMAS. INTERIOR MINISTRY OFFICIALS EXPRESSED FEARS TO EMBOFF
THAT DISTURBANCES COULD ERUPT NEW YEAR'S EVE BECAUSE THE COMBINA-
TION OF ALCOHOL AND PUBLIC GATHERINGS WAS A DANGEROUS ONE. YET
IN A GESTURE TO AVOID DISCONTENT FOCUSED ON GOP CURTAILMENT OF
TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S ACTIVITIES, THE GOVERNMENT
OVERRULED THE INTERIOR MINISTER'S PROFESSED RECOMMENDATION.
THE GOP DECISION DOES NOT MEAN THAT NORMAL CURFEW AND EMERGENCY
MEASURES ARE LIKELY TO BE LIFTED SOON.
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